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Doug Styles
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Subject: Permitting and Regulation Information

Dear Mr. Styles:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 11, 2012, requesting certain information about prospecting for and mining gold in Utah. I am enclosing copies of the rules pertaining to mining and exploration as well as the forms that would need to be filed for an exploration or small mine project (less than five or ten acres of disturbance). We have tried to make these forms as simple and self-explanatory as possible.

The rules do not require that you file a permit application (actually a Notice of Intention) if you do not make a significant disturbance *and* are not using mechanized earth moving equipment. You do not need a permit if you only want to go prospecting with a pick and shovel, but you need to file the permit and receive approval if you use a backhoe, for example.

Small dredging and sluicing operations are regulated by the Division of Water Rights. Also being part of the Department of Natural Resources, they have the same street address as the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining:

1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Their telephone number is 801-538-7240.

I do not have information about where to sell gold.

You indicated an interest in receiving geologic maps. There would be a charge, but I could get maps of particular areas if you can let me know which part of the state you are interested in. These maps are published by the Utah Geological Survey which is at the address shown above.

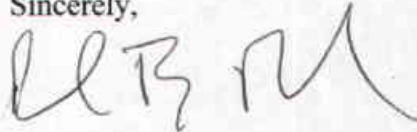


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I realize your letter says you do not have access to computers or the Internet, but all of this information, including the geologic maps, is available through these divisions' web sites through the Department of Natural Resources at www.dnr.utah.gov.

Please contact me through the address shown on this letter or by telephone at 801-538-5261 if you have additional questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PB M', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul Baker
Minerals Mining Manager
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: SMO and EXP NOI forms; copy of R647 rules
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